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**RE:           Veteran's Name: KUCINSKI, Louis Arthur**  
**SSN/SN:**  
**Request Number: 2-22560918101**

Dear Recipient:

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center. We are providing the releasable military service information based on restrictions imposed by the military services consistent with Department of Defense regulations and the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The releasable information requested, if present in the record, has been transcribed, photocopied, or a combination of both, in order to comply with your request.

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- Death certificate
- Newspaper article (obituary) or death notice
- Coroner's report of death
- Funeral director's signed statement of death
- Verdict of coroner's jury
- If death occurred outside the United States, any document similar to one of the preceding five, or a report of death signed by a United States consul or other agent of the State Department.

If you consider this an adverse response under the FOIA, and are not satisfied with our action on this request, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison Kevin Pratt for assistance at:

1 Archives Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63138  
(314) 801-0582  
[kevin.pratt@nara.gov](mailto:kevin.pratt@nara.gov)

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National Archives and Records Administration  
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College Park, MD 20740-6001

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[ogis.archives.gov](http://ogis.archives.gov)  
202-741-5770  
1-877-684-6448

If you have questions or comments regarding this response, you may contact us at 314-801-0800 or by mail at the address shown in the letterhead above. If you contact us, please reference the Request Number listed above. If you are a veteran, or a deceased veteran's next of kin, please consider submitting your future requests online by visiting us at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

Sincerely,



KERRY BILLINGSLEY  
Expert Archives Technician (AFN-MC4B)



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Veterans' Privacy**  
*Let us know if we have  
failed to protect it.*

Enclosure(s)

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The survey should only take a few minutes and is used to help improve service to our customers.

**INFORMATION RELEASABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

<b>NAME:</b> KUCINSKI, LOUIS ARTHUR
<b>BRANCH OF SERVICE AND SERIAL/SERVICE NUMBER(S):</b> U.S. NAVY / 235 04 35, SSN
<b>DATES OF SERVICE:</b> SEPTEMBER 11, 1947 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1977
<b>DUTY STATUS:</b> RETIRED
<b>RANK/GRADE:</b> E9
<b>SALARY:</b> NA
<b>SOURCE OF COMMISSION:</b> NA
<b>PROMOTION SEQUENCE NUMBER:</b> NA
<b>ASSIGNMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS:</b> SEE ATTACHED
<b>MILITARY EDUCATION:</b> SEE ATTACHED
<b>DECORATIONS AND AWARDS:</b> BRONZE STAR(*), NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL W/ V DEVICE, PURPLE HEART, COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL (5TH), PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (2ND), VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL, EXPERT RIFLEMAN, EXPERT PISTOL MEDAL, SEAL BREAST INSIGNIA, AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, NAVY OCCUPATION MEDAL (EUROPE), ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (VIETNAM), VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL
<b>TRANSCRIPT OF COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL:</b> NOT ON FILE
<b>PHOTOGRAPH:</b> NA
<b>PLACE OF ENTRY:</b> BUFFALO, NEW YORK
<b>PLACE OF SEPARATION:</b> PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA
<b>FOR DECEASED VETERAN ONLY</b>
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>
<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>
<b>LOCATION OF DEATH</b>
<b>PLACE OF BURIAL</b>
<b>NOTE:</b> N/A denotes information is not available in the veteran's records

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KNOBINSKI, Louis Arthur

(Last Name)

(First)

(Middle)

235 04 35

(Service Number)

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RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND

U. S. N. T. C. Great Lakes, Ill.

9-19-47

*H. D. Hesse*  
H. D. HESSE, CSC, USN  
Assistant Personnel Officer  
By direction of C. O.

END-GL, 10-23-47, B-34, 404

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Louis

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(Last Name)

(First)

(Middle)

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(Service Number)

(Rate)

(Class)

U. S. Naval Barracks, Washington, D. C.

(Present ship or station)

2 Apr 1948

Date

Effective this date

*W D Loughner*

G. J. HORN,  
LTJG, USN  
Personnel Officer.

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Louis

Arthur

(Last Name)

(First)

(Signature)

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TRANSFER RECORD

Date Transferred

24 June 1949

Authority

REPORTING OFFICER'S DESTINATION & DUTY

CO, US AIR CASH (AO-97), Newport, R.I.

for duty.

Days Leave and Days Travel Allowed

MAN'S ASSIGNED MAN TRANSFER

RECORDS IN MAN'S POSSESSION

REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME IN ANY ACCOUNT, COM, NAVY, USN, MAN'S OFFICE

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G. J. HORN, LTJG, USN,

Personnel Officer

By direction of [REDACTED] USN

INTERMEDIATE REPORTINGS

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REPORTING OFFICER'S ULTIMATE DESTINATION

REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME (AO-97)

Date & Time

24 June 1949

REPORTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

EDWARD LOUIS ARLO

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C. A. B. ARIAS (AO-97)

RECORD NO. 1007 RECORD

DATE 21 JULY 1950

ULTIMATE DESTINATION & DATE

CC: USA MEMPHIS AGE 40 L. MIA Phila.  
PO: INC 4074

DATE LEAVE NO. 1007 1007 1007

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REENLISTED: 9-22670

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MARKS

\*See Art. B-2305, BuPers Manual

1. DATE	2. REASON	3. RATE	4. PROF. IN RATE	5. SEA-MAN-SHIP	6. MECHANICAL ABILITY	7. LEADERSHIP	8. CONDUCT	9. SHIP OR STATION	10. INITIALS
9-30-50								USS REHOBOTH (AGS-50)	EMD <i>Emd</i>
10-30-50								USS REHOBOTH (AGS-50)	EMD <i>Emd</i>
12-31-50								U.S.S. REHOBOTH (AGS-50)	<i>Emd</i>
3/31/51								c/o Fleet Post Office NEW YORK, N. Y.	<i>Emd</i>
4/10/51								USS REHOBOTH (AGS-50)	EMD <i>Emd</i>
5/2/51								USS REHOBOTH (AGS-50)	EMD <i>Emd</i>
JUN 30 '51								SubGruONE NorVaGru ant. asFlt	<i>Emd</i>
9/19/51								SubGruONE NorVaGru ant. asFlt	<i>Emd</i>
9/30/51								SubGruONE NorVaGru ant. asFlt	<i>Emd</i>
DEC 31 '51								SubGruONE NorVaGru ant. asFlt	<i>Emd</i>
MAR 31 '52								SubGruONE NorVaGru ant. asFlt	<i>Emd</i>
6-19-52								SG1 NorGruLantResFlt	<i>Emd</i>
6-30-52								SubGruONE NorVaGru ant. asFlt	<i>Emd</i>
8-26-52								SubGruONE NorVaGru ant. asFlt	<i>Emd</i>
24 Dec 1952								SG1, NorVaGru, LantResFlt	<i>Emd</i>
12-31-52								SG1, L., NorVa	<i>Emd</i>
3-31-53								SG1, L., NorVa	<i>Emd</i>
6-30-53								UDT TWO	<i>Emd</i>
9-30-53								UDT TWO	<i>Emd</i>
12-31-53								UDT TWO	<i>Emd</i>
3-31-54								UDT TWO	<i>Emd</i>
6-30-54								UDT 21	<i>Emd</i>
9/30/54								UDT 21	<i>Emd</i>

NAME (Last)

KUGINSKI

(First)

Louis

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Arthur

SERVICE NO.

235 04 35

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1. DATE	2. REASON	3. RATE	4. PROF. IN RATE	5. SEA-MAN-SHIP	6. MECHANICAL ABILITY	7. LEADER-SHIP	8. CONDUCT	9. SHIP OR STATION	10. INITIALS
9-30-55								UDT-21	<i>[Signature]</i> OWFC
12-31-55								UST-21	<i>[Signature]</i>
3-31-56								UDT-21	<i>[Signature]</i>
6-30-56								UDT-21	<i>[Signature]</i>
[REDACTED]									<i>[Signature]</i>
1 July 1956	[REDACTED]								<i>[Signature]</i> J.W.B. GREGORY By direction

J. W. P. GREGORY  
By direction

HAIR (Lent)

KUC'INSKI

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ARTHUR

SERVICE NO.

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1. DATE	2. REASON	3. RATE	PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE	MILITARY BEHAVIOR	LEADERSHIP AND SUPERVISORY ABILITY	MILITARY APPEARANCE	ADAPT- ABILITY	5. DUTY ASSIGNMENT	6. INITIALS
16 NOV 56								UDT TWENTY ONE	NHC
16 May 57								UDT-21	NHC
16 NOV 57								UDT-2 NEM DET IN USS DONNER (LSO-20)	NHC
16 May 58								UDT-21	NHC
16 Nov 58								UDT-21	WPD
16 May 59								UDT-21	WPD
16 NOV 59								UDT-21 (EIM 2-59)	WPD
16 MAY 60								UDT-21	WPD
16 NOV 60								UDT-21	WPD
NOV 16 1960									WPD
16 MAY 61								UDT-21	WPD
16 NOV 61								UDT-21	WPD
16 MAY 62								SEAL TEAM 2	WPD
16 MAY 62								SEAL TEAM 2	WPD
30 JUN 62								SEAL TEAM 2	WPD
30 JUN 62								SEAL TEAM 2	WPD

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1 JUN 62								SEAL TEAM 2	
8 SEP 62								SEAL TEAM TWO	
24 FEB 63								NAVSEC MAAG VIETNAM	
27 FEB 63								SEAL TEAM TWO	
16 MAY 63								SEAL TEAM TWO	
16 NOV 63								SEAL TEAM TWO	
1 FEB 64								SEAL Team 2	
16 MAY 64								SEAL Team TWO	
16 NOV 64								NAVO SUPGRULANT	
16 MAY 65								NAVO SUPGRULANT	
16 NOV 65								COMNAVO PSUPGRULANT	
16 JAN 66								COMNAVO PSUPGRULANT	
16 JAN 66								SEAL Team TWO	
15 JAN 69								SEAL Team TWO	
15 JAN 69								SEAL Team TWO	
16 JAN 69								SEAL Team TWO	
9 FEB 70								SEAL Team TWO	
16 JAN 70								SEAL TEAM TWO	
16 JAN 70								SEAL Team TWO	
18 FEB 71								SEAL TEAM TWO	

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Louis

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Arthur

SERVICE NO.

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KUCINSKI,	LOUIS	ARTHUR	235 04 35/

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**5. RECORD OF NAVY SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED**

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL  
**U.S. NAVAL SCHOOL SHIP SALVAGE DAYCONE NJ (SALVAGE DIVER)**

DATE ENROLLED <b>2/13/56</b>	CLASS NUMBER <b>66</b>	COURSE LENGTH <b>16 Wks</b>	RAID OR GRADUATION <b>NAC</b>
DATE OF TRANSFER <b>3/25/56</b>	CLASS STANDING <b>Graduated</b>	In class of <b>10</b>	FINAL MARK (0-100) <b>(88.5 passing)</b>

GRADUATED  
**YES** ☒ **NO** ☐  
**QUALIFIED SALVAGE DIVER**  
**QUALIFICATION LAPSING 21 NOV 56**  
**P.R. KUCINSKI LCDR USN**

**6. RECORD OF NAVY SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED**

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL <b>NAVPHILSCOLCRUEK, NAVPHILADE, ORVA</b>			NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL		
CLASS NO. <b>61-H</b>	COURSE LENGTH <b>4 Wks</b>	DATE ENROLLED <b>11 SEPTEMBER 1961</b>	CLASS NO.	COURSE LENGTH	DATE ENROLLED
DATE COMPLETED <b>6 OCT 61</b>	FINAL MARK (0-100) <b>(88.5 passing)</b>	CLASS STANDING <b>In a class of</b>	DATE COMPLETED	FINAL MARK (0-100) <b>(88.5 passing)</b>	CLASS STANDING
MANNER OF COMPLETION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>GRADUATED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DROPPED FOR</b>			MANNER OF COMPLETION <input type="checkbox"/> <b>GRADUATED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DROPPED FOR</b>		
SIGNATURE <b>B.A. MORELL ENS USN ASST FOR ADMIN/OPS</b> <b>BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER</b>			SIGNATURE		
NAME (Last) <b>KUCINSKI</b>	(First) <b>Louis</b>	(Middle) <b>A.</b>	SERVICE NUMBER <b>235 04 35</b>	BRANCH AND CLASS <b>USN</b>	

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**6. RECORD OF NAVY SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED**

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL <b>Instructor's School, Class C-1</b> <b>NAVSCOLECOND NAVSTA, NORVA.</b>			NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL		
CLASS NO. <b>164-62</b>	COURSE LENGTH <b>2 weeks</b>	DATE ENROLLED <b>5/1/62</b>	CLASS NO.	COURSE LENGTH	DATE ENROLLED
DATE COMPLETED <b>1/1/62</b>	FINAL MARK (0-100) <b>(88.5 passing)</b>	CLASS STANDING <b>In a class of</b>	DATE COMPLETED	FINAL MARK (0-100) <b>(88.5 passing)</b>	CLASS STANDING
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SIGNATURE <b>Starke</b> <b>012 Instructor's School, Class C-1</b>			SIGNATURE		
NAME (Last) <b>KUCINSKI</b>	(First) <b>Louis</b>	(Middle) <b>A.</b>	SERVICE NUMBER <b>235 04 35</b>	BRANCH AND CLASS <b>USN</b>	

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**6. RECORD OF NAVY SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED**

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL <b>Nuclear Weapons Training Center</b> <b>NAS, Norfolk, Va.</b>			NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL		
CLASS NO. <b>964</b>	COURSE LENGTH <b>3 days</b>	DATE ENROLLED <b>17 Aug 61</b>	CLASS NO.	COURSE LENGTH	DATE ENROLLED
DATE COMPLETED <b>19 Aug 61</b>	FINAL MARK (0-100) <b>(88.5 passing)</b>	CLASS STANDING <b>In a class of</b>	DATE COMPLETED	FINAL MARK (0-100) <b>(88.5 passing)</b>	CLASS STANDING
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SIGNATURE <b>THOMAS</b> <b>Commanding Officer</b>			SIGNATURE		
NAME (Last) <b>KUCINSKI</b>	(First) <b>Louis</b>	(Middle) <b>Arthur</b>	SERVICE NUMBER <b>235 04 35</b>	BRANCH AND CLASS <b>USN</b>	

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the Navy  
Commendation Medal to

LOUIS A. KUCINSKI  
CHIEF BOATSWAIN'S MATE  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For meritorious achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the Communist insurgent forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 30 January to 2 February 1968. During this period, as platoon chief petty officer and assistant squad leader, Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI led the men aggressively against the enemy, using sound judgment and professional tactics. Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI, unmindful of the dangers, exposed himself repeatedly to concentrated enemy fire in order to deliver neutralizing rounds from his M-72's. His uncanny accuracy enabled the remainder of the squad to advance and secure other key buildings in the city. When one SEAL was critically wounded, Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI ran through the streets to an abandoned truck, started it and drove it to the building where the wounded man lay. En route, the truck took numerous rounds of enemy fire. Throughout the days of battle, Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI displayed the valor under fire and devotion to duty. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

*John J. Hyland*  
JOHN J. HYLAND

Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet

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OFFICIAL USE ONLY  
UNITED STATES NAVY OFFICES  
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting  
a Gold Star in lieu of Second Bronze Star Medal to

LOUIS ARTHUR KUCINSKI  
SENIOR CHIEF BOWENMAN'S MERE  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For heroic achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam. On 7 June 1969, Senior Chief KUCINSKI was serving as the leader of a twelve man United States Navy SEAL platoon operating in support of United States Navy forces on the My Tho river. Responding to agent intelligence and knowing that they faced a numerically superior enemy force, he inserted his platoon prior to daylight and patrolled through a known Viet Cong controlled area to their objective. Upon reaching the target in complete darkness, he divided his platoon into three fire teams to cover both the target and enemy escape routes. At first light, when the enemy positions were positively identified, he ordered the patrol to take the enemy force under fire. Inflicting numerous casualties and preventing an enemy retreat, the SEALs held their positions and continued to lay down effective fire until helicopter gunships arrived to conduct an airstrike. As a result of his leadership ability, the enemy was dealt a devastating blow. Senior Chief KUCINSKI's professionalism, devotion to duty and courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the President

*E. A. Zumwalt, Jr.*

E. A. ZUMWALT, Jr.  
Vice Admiral; U. S. Navy  
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

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COMMANDER  
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES  
VIETNAM

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the George L. B. Medal to

LOUIS W. KUCINSKI  
CHIEF BOWLEMAIN'S MATF  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as follows in the following

CITATION

For meritorious service while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from December 1965 to June 1968. Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI served as assistant squad leader and platoon Chief Petty Officer for the Eighth Platoon, United States Navy SEAL Team, Detachment ALFA. He distinguished himself by his sustained high performance of duty during combat patrols, ambushes, intelligence missions and other clandestine operations inland and along the waterways of the Mekong Delta. Many of these operations were conducted in areas where the Viet Cong maintained control of the area and were aimed to destroy enemy base camps, rest areas and supply routes. Of particular note were Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI's actions on 11 December 1967 when he led a four man patrol into a Viet Cong stronghold. The patrol was conducted the day following a multiple barrel mortar which netted one Viet Cong killed and one captured. He met the enemy in force at dawn, engaging the enemy in a pitched battle. Although outnumbered, he accounted for four Viet Cong killed and an unknown number wounded. In order to extract his men with a minimum of casualties, he adjusted air strikes and supporting mortar fire from the air. His aim and precise judgment enabled his patrol to extract safely and inflict substantial damage on the enemy. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI is authorized to wear the Combat Action Medal.

BEST DOCUMENT AVAILABLE

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Commander, U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam